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letter of May 23, 1918 from Commissioner of Taxation re tax exemption of Eaton endowment.

May 2nd, 1918

Sir John C. Eaton,

Arnwold,

Toronto.

My dear Sir John:

Mr. Walter Riley and Dr. Goldie both spoke to me about your splendid intention with regard to the development of the Department of Scientific Medicine in the University of Toronto. If you decide to carry your present intention into effect I am sure that you will develop a department of the University which requires large funds in order that it may be placed on a basis equal to that of the leading universities of the United States and which will make it possible to train medical men who will enjoy advantages in Toronto second to none anywhere. Of course the enjoyment of the Faculty of Medicine means that the whole body of the people throughout the length and breadth of this land will be beneficiari

I am sure that the Board of Governors will authorise me to nominate a committee from our staff who will be glad to co-operate with you both in making selection of one whom I may nominate for an appointment and also in suggesting such arrangements as will carry out the fullest measure and purpose that you have in view with regard to the development of the department.

I shall be glad to submit names to you such as Dr. Goldie himself, Dr. Alan Brown, Dr. Watson of the Department of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, Dean Clarke and myself. I would hope that you yourself

would find it possible to act on the committee with us so that what we do will carry your fullest approval. Possibly before finally choosing a committee it might be well for me to see you in order to talk names over with you.

I am quite sure also that you condition you lay down as to there being no diminution in the amount already expended by the University for scientific medicine will be one that will be accepted by the Board of Governors.

I think you will agree with me, and I have no doubt also that the committee would, that a gentleman of the status whom you hope to have appointed would have to be given a free hand for a period of years with regard to the organization of the department and that in the main it would have to be left to him to decide the details of the expenditure of his department provided always before he has been appointed the general outlines for the expenditure of the money have been agreed upon; that is to say, how much in general should be devoted to Scientific Medicine proper, and how much to Pediatrics. These are matters that our committee should talk over.

I should be very glad either to call upon you in order that we may have some conversation or to have Mr. Riley come to see me, if it is more convenient for you.

At the same time will you convey to Lady Eaton and accept for yourself on my behalf and I am sure on behalf of the whole University an expression of our grateful recognition of the generosity that has

prompted you to think of making such a gift for the furtherance of medicine.

Yours sincerely,

President.

July 2nd, 1918

Sir John Eaton,

Rosseau,

Muskoka.

My dear Sir John:

I find that I had written to Sir Edward Kemp nearly a month ago asking for the recall of Lt.-Colonel Royce, so that I hope he will be able to be back by the autumn.

I trust that Lady Eaton's health is greatly improved. I expect to be going to England in about a fortnight.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

See also

Osler, Britton (Barrister)

Wiley, Walter